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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of July 5, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification

Please change the title to read:

-- APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR CLOSING OFF THE OPEN END
OF A CONTAINER WITH A REMOVABLE FLEXIBLE MEMBRANE
COVERED BY A RIGID CAP --

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 10, with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- The open end of can 10 is closed off by a flexible pre-stressed
membrane 11 and a rigid cap 12, each of which is described in more detail
below. --

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1, 4 and 12 as follows: